

# W 8. PROCLAMATION

By the Lords of the Council in the City of *Amsterdam*, for the Apprehending of divers Russians who endeavoured to Assassinate their Burghemaster *Van Beuningen*, on the 16th of March, offering a Reward of a 1000 Duckatoons to any that shall discover one or more of those Desperate Villains.

## Notification.



Hereas after several Rumours that have been spread abroad sometime since of a Design against the Life of the Heer Burghemaster *Van Beuningen*, it hath been made fully apparent to the Lords of the Justiciary of this City by several well agreeing Informations and Circumstances, that some wicked Men, to the number of six, seven, or more, having *Thursday* last, being the 16th of this Month N. S. T. at night, met about the House of the aforesaid *Heer Van Beuningen*, and endeavour'd, ( though God be praised, uneffectually ) to execute the aforesaid Design: and it being of the highest importance to every one, and especially to those that have any share in the Government, that the Persons concerned in so abominable, and bloody an Enterprise, be speedily detected, and punished for the same according to the greatness of the Crime, and provision made, that the accomplishing of the above said detestable Undertaking be yet prevented, especially since it doth appear to the aforesaid Lords of the Justiciary by very good Informations, that after the aforesaid 16th of this month, there have been found some Villains in this City, who have given to understand that it would yet be effected. Therefore to provide against the same, the aforesaid Lords have found convenient to charge and require every one of the Inhabitants of this City, to make known with all speed to the High Schout of this City, all his or their Knowledge concerning this Bloody Enterprise, or any other the like upon Arbitrary Correction, in case any be found to have been negligent therein, and they do further make known and promise, that if any one can discover one or more of the Accomplices of this bloody Design, in such a manner, that he be Apprehended and Convicted of the said Crime, for this good Service done to Justice, and to the Publick; shall receive a recompence of a thousand Ducatoons of Silver, and that his Name shall be kept secret, and in case the Discoverer be himself one of the Accomplices, they promise all that is in their Power to procure his Pardon and Impunity, and that he shall likewise receive the aforesaid recompence of a thousand Ducatoons of Silver, in case as aforesaid, one or more of the Accomplices be Apprehended, and Convicted of the Crime; charging further expressly, all Inn-keepers, Hosts, or any others lodging People that come from abroad, to keep no body in their Houses, for whose innocence they cannot, or will not answer, without presently making his Name and Quality known to the Captain, or in his absence to the next chief Officer of the Ward wherein they dwell; And it is further Statuted and Ordered, That all Inn-keepers, Hosts, and all others that take Lodgers coming from abroad, shall *de die in diem* give notice of their Lodgers to the Captains, or in their absence to the next chief Officers under them, and deliver a Note containing their Names and Quality; and in case the aforesaid Captains, or in their absence the next commanding Officers of the Ward have any the least suspicion about the declared Persons, that they shall immediately give notice thereof to the High Schout of this City, and if any body be found to have been negligent in declaring his Lodgers, he shall forfeit a sum of a 100 Gilders, and besides incur severe punishment; and serious warning is given to every body to use all circumspection in receiving Lodgers that may be any ways suspected of bad Conversation and Manners.

This 21 of March, 1684. being present the Lords Burghemasters, *John Hudde*, and *John Huyde Kooper*, &c.

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